

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0016] to read as follows:

A1 [0016] The connecting rod 11 in the lengthwise direction is provided with a guide path 13 into which a driver pin 6 which is made on the intermediate lever 12 fits. The intermediate lever 12 on its two ends is provided with a slider 5, 7 which fits into a body-mounted guideway 8, 9 and is guided to slide in it. Thus, the driver pin moves essentially parallel to the longitudinal direction of the connecting rod 11, while the slider 5, 7 moves crosswise relative thereto so that the movement of the driver pin 6 is essentially perpendicular to the movement of the slider 5, 7 relative to connecting rod 11. A compressively stiff drive cable 19 which is driven by a drive which is made in the conventional manner (via a pinion which is driven by an electric motor) engages the slider 5 which lies radially to the outside with respect to the pivot 1 of the connecting rod 11. The radially outside guideway 8 for the slider 5 is made circular in this embodiment. The inner guideway 9 which lies radially inside for the slider 7 runs via wide sections essentially parallel to the outside guideway 8, i.e., it is made likewise circular over significant sections. In the end area 20 of the inner guideway 9, however, its radius is greatly reduced so that the distance between the guideways 8, 9 in this area increases greatly.

Please amend paragraph [0027] to read as follows:

A2 [0027] One advantage of the embodiment as shown in Figure 2 is that the inner guideway of the embodiment as shown in Figure 1 can be omitted for the most part, i.e., with the exception of the sliding cam element 117; this can lead to advantages in terms of construction space and/or costs. Nonetheless, the movement of the driver pin 6 is still essentially perpendicular to the movement of the slider 5, 7 relative to connecting rod 11.

Please amend paragraph [0032] to read as follows:

A3 [0032] A compressively-stiff drive cable (not shown) which is driven preferably via a pinion by the electric motor runs in a cable channel 228 and is rigidly connected to a slider 220 which is guided in the cable channel 228 and is connected via a

Q3 hinge 222 to one end of an intermediate lever which is made as a toggle lever 221. The other end of the toggle lever 221 is guided via a slider 230 which is connected via a hinge 223 in the guide channel 229. Between the hinges 222, 223, the toggle lever 221 has a driver 224 which is made as a guide pin and which fits into a guide slot 226 which is made in the slider plate 225. The ~~crank~~ guide slot 226 for the driver 224, as necessary, can be made straight or curved. In this example, it is made straight and runs perpendicular to the direction of motion 219 of the slider plate 225 and relative to the motion of slider 220 with respect to the slider plate 225.

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